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Revolutions and rebellions in Spanish countries are very different things from what our own experiences in that line would lead us to expect them to be, and it is impossible to estimate the extent and importance of these contests by our own standard. In some of the South American republics they have a revolution nearly every week, and Mexico and some of the West India islands are in a chronic state of disturbance caused by the armed contentions of rival factions, who do a great deal of fighting and issuing of pronouncements but commit very little slaughter. The revolution now in progress in Cuba has apparently the same unsatisfactory character of nearly all such contests, and the progress of affairs is probably as unsatisfactory as the news we

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